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COMPANY(GUYBAU)

A GROUP OF SEVEN HYDRO-ELECTRIC AND ALUMINUM PRODUCTION
TECHNICIANS FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA VISITED GUYANA THE WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 19 REPORTEDLY TO DISCUSS BAUXITE AND ALUMINA
PURCHASES, AS WELL AS CZECH ASSISTANCE FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
SMALL ALUMINUM SMELTER. AT LEAST ONE OF GROUP HAS LEFT FOR
NEW YORK FOR FURTHER TALKS ON SMELTER WITH PHILIPP BROTHERS
(SUBSIDIARY OF ENGELHARD MINERALS). CZECHS ENVISAGE FACILITY
WITH OUPUT OF 40 THOUSAND METRIC TONS INITIALLY. EVEN
RELATIVELY SMALL PLANT AS THIS WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST 100
MEGAWATT HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT, WHICH IS LONG WAY OFF. UNLESS
CZECHS HAVE ACHIEVED BREAKTHROUGH IN ALUMINUM TECHNOLOGY
40 THOUSAND TONS FACILITY WOULD CONSUME ABOUT 800 MILLION
KILOWATT HOURS OF CURRENT, WHICH IS TWO AND A HALF TIMES AS
MUCH ELECTRICITY AS GUYANA PRODUCED IN 1972. ANY REPORTS DEPT.
MAY RECEIVE CONCERNING THE POSSIBILITY OF ALUMINUM PRODUCTION
IN GUYANA BEFORE END OF THIS DECADE SHOULD BE DISCOUNTED. KING

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